

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1-4. These sheets replace the original sheet(s) including Figs. 1-4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Remarks

In the outstanding office action, the Examiner has objected to the Specification, and the Brief Description of the Drawings as improper, and further that the Detailed Description of the Invention heading was missing. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as containing subject matter not described in the specification. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker (WO 95/09759) in view of Carlstedt et al. (USPN 6,641,121). The outstanding office action further objects to the specification, drawings and claims, noting §112 and format objections.

The undersigned has sought to address the above noted concerns by the preceding amendments to the specification, claims and drawings. The outstanding office action further rejects the claims as being obvious in light of prior art references to Walker in view of Carlstedt. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as clarified by the preceding amendment distinguish and patentably define over the cited references.

Claim 1 has been canceled and independent claim 8 has been added to better define the invention. The elastic polymer connector block has an inner surface attached to the mounting bracket and an outboard surface affixed in series to the inboard end of the lower arm. The connector is simply a solid block of polymer material. As stated in claim 5, the elastic polymer connector block has a fore and aft length which is preferably greater than the connector block's vertical height. Similarly, the elastic polymer connector block preferably has a fore and aft length which is greater than the lateral width of the block as recited in claim 9. This results in the elastic connector block being stiffer and providing greater resistance to fore and aft movement of the training wheel. The elastic polymer connector block of the present invention is interposed between and connected to the mounting bracket and the inboard end of the lower arm which supports the training wheel than vertical movement. The connector block is loaded in bending and in the preferred embodiment provides the sole interconnection between mounting bracket and the lower arm. In the Walker patent, the elastic

block 45 is loaded in compression as arm 15 pivots about pin 37. The elastic block of Walker does not resist fore and aft movement of the training wheels.

Again, it is believed that the application is condition for allowance. If the Examiner notes any additional errors of a §112 nature, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly addressed by an Examiner's amendment.

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